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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1 (Amended). A device for clamping and ablating cardiac tissue comprising:

a first handle member;

a second handle member;

first and second mating jaw members associated with the first and second handle members, respectively, the jaw members being movable by the handle members between a first open position and a second clamped position in which the jaw members are substantially parallel;

a first elongated electrode extending along the first jaw member;

a second elongated electrode extending along the second jaw member;

the first and second electrodes being in face-to-face relationship and being adapted to be connected to an RF energy source so that, when activated, the first and second electrodes are of opposite polarity.--